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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: RIVERGOLD ELEMENTARY

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Sue O'Connor. All present stood and Mrs. O'Connor led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board: Sue O'Connor, Greg Schoonard, Kathy Casey, Christine Wilder, and John Reynolds

Staff: Bill McCabe, Srinivasan, Bob Rose, Julie Davenport, John McMillen, Diane Sefton, Mary Jo Brown, Ginny Moody, Virginia Smith, Denise Bausch

Audience signed in: Janis Smith, Wendell Lancart, Jan Schoonard, Andy Anderson, Michelle Brewer, Jessica Medrano, Lisa Ann Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by John Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented.

Christine Wilder requested that item 10.2 Consideration and Action on Home School Participation – Graduation be moved to the first item in business.

Mr. Schoonard and Mr. Reynolds amended their motion to approve as amended. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS/ STUDENT DISCIPLINE/LITIGATION

Interview & Hire Assistant Principal

The interview process was conducted.

A motion was made in closed session by Greg Schoonard and seconded by John Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the hiring committee and hire Steven Bell as the District's Assistant Principal. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m. The Board's action was reported to the waiting audience.

GOVERNANCE NORMS

Board President Sue O'Connor reminded everyone of the Coarsegold School Board's Governance Norms listed on the inside cover of the board packet and on their agreement on how to interact with each other at board meetings.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS

PRESENTATION

None

STUDENTS

None.

CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED STAFF

Ginny Moody on behalf of CSEA noted what a great summer we were having, but that she can't wait until school starts.

MANAGERS

Principal Bob Rose reported that the student enrollment numbers were growing daily, that he has been down with teachers Kathy Anderson, John Corippo, Penny McKeand and Gina Hansen-Sedor training in language arts for 6th 7th and 8th grades.

Superintendent Bill McCabe noted that Randy Haggard was on vacation and he wished everyone school calendar for teachers to be able to work in their classrooms, that there was going to be a switch over on insurance carriers from Blue Shield to Blue Cross, that there was good news on the end of the year close of books on the After School Clubs with a deficit of only \$1577.81, he shared the growth outlook at Rivergold in the 6th grade and indicated that he would probably be bring a recommendation in that area to the next board meeting, plus there was a potential at Coarsegold in the 6th grade for an additional teacher too. That evaluation of class sizes for the upcoming school year will continue right into fall if necessary. He indicated that measure P will be on the November ballot for consideration on Unification by our communities.

BOARD

Kathy Casey questioned the status of the employee accident on the tractor and indicated that it was okay putting up a fence to insure the safety of staff and students.

John McMillen reported on the employee's status and that a safety fence was up in order to prevent any future incidents.

Kathy Casey continued and indicated she attended the funeral service for Brittany Gunderson and how good it was to see staff attending too. She praised how great the campuses look in spite of the heat. She concluded by expressing her disappointment in the Board that they could not have waited 3 more days so she could be part of the special board meeting and so she could be included in the conversation and discussion at that special meeting.

John Reynolds reported that he attended a special executive meeting of the Madera County School Boards Association and noted the countywide campaign is moving forward and reviewed the proposed materials and ideas. He indicated there would be a Madera County School Boards Meeting at Rivergold Elementary on August 31st and one of the major items to be discussed will be the working stages of the campaign and how to get the community at large to participate.

Greg Schoonard indicated he was also looking forward to the start of school and how thankful he is for what we have in this community. He expressed that he was sorry that Kathy was disappointed and would not want any one board member to feel slighted on any matter, but did want to thank Sue for her efforts on setting up the special meeting.

Christine Wilder commented about a summer school child that she is acquainted with and how the child really enjoyed and had a great time during the summer school session.

Sue O'Connor requested discussion at the next board meeting on the use of the phone system for community items.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.10 as presented.

After a brief discussion Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Schoonard amended their motion to pull out 9.6 Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2005.

- 9.1 Ratify Batch #20 – Commercial Payment Order 2004/2005
- 9.2 Ratify Batch #1 – Commercial Payment Order 2005/2006
- 9.3 Approve Batch #2 - Commercial Payment Order 2005/2006
- 9.4 Approve Payroll
- 9.5 Approve Budget Transfers
- 9.7 Approve 2005/2006 Legal Services – Lozano Smith
- 9.8 Ratify 2005/2006 School Lunch Agreement – Foothill High School
- 9.9 Approve Concrete Projects
- 9.10 Letter Regarding Filing Officer for Designated Filers – Conflict of Interest

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Christine Wilder noted that who made the motion in closed session to accept the classified and certificated resignations was left out of the minutes.

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to approve 9.6 Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2005 with the changes reported to Pat. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

BUSINESS

Home School Participation – Graduation

Bill McCabe reviewed how the item on graduation participation arose and that he was looking for feed back from board members and would like to refer this to a committee developed from the District's four schools, Rivergold, Coarsegold, Community Day and Home School and then return with a clear expectation and recommendation for board consideration probably in October.

Kathy Casey indicated she didn't feel there was a need for another committee. Christine Wilder expressed a committee is needed to set a clear policy district wide and John Reynolds, Greg Schoonard and Sue O'Connor all concurred with Mrs. Wilder.

Home School Teacher Denise Bausch read and highlighted a few points on what her students can and do participate in at each site and that her students do feel connected to the respective sites and should be able to participate in a larger ceremony.

Audience members Janis Smith, Andy Anderson, Lisa Woods and Wendell Lancart all spoke and agreed that participation by home school students was a big issue and students should always be allow to be part of the school and all the benefits offered.

There was continued discussion on the need to look at each and every child in the 8th grade participating in Home School, setting a clear policy on participation on site campus activities and programs and how to address the issue to get a good resolve as quickly as possible. It was determined in order to move forward that the administration would put together an outline of the policy resolve with the original policy and the updated policy provided to each who spoke for the next board meeting.

Board Policies

Second Reading

Transportation Safety Plan – Bus Rules

Mr. McCabe reviewed the changes requested at the last board meeting.

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the second reading of the Transportation Safety Plan – Bus Rules as revised. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Inter District Transfers Policy BP 5117 & 5117.1

A motion was made by John Reynolds and seconded by Greg Schoonard to approve Inter District Transfers Policy BP 5117 & 5117.1 as presented.

The was a brief discussion that a resolution agreement was talked about at the meeting with Chawanakee allowing students to attend a different district. An agreement/resolution was agendized for the next board meeting with an overture to include Raymond if they so desired.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Quarterly Report – Williams Settlement

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by John Reynolds to approve the Williams Settlement Quarterly Report as presented. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

2005/2006 District Goals

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by Christine Wilder to approve the 2005/2006 District Goals as presented.

There was a brief discussion and it was determined that Connect Ed would be agendized to consider appropriate community items for announcements and what announcement items board members wanted to have sent to them.

The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Pickup Lease for 12 State Portable Buildings

The was a lengthy discussion on picking up the 12 State temporary buildings lease payment on a pro-rated share from Yosemite High School to hold pending the outcome of the November election and the costs to the Coarsegold District.

A motion was made by Greg Schoonard and seconded by John Reynolds to authorize the administration to pickup the \$4000 lease payment for one month based on legality being met.

After further discussion Mr. Schoonard and Mr. Reynolds rescinded their motion.

It was the direction of the Board for administration to check on the legality and work up an agreement to bring back at the next board meeting.

Board Development Tentative Participation Budget Map

Mr. McCabe reviewed the Board Development Budget. There was a brief discussion on conferences or workshops available for the upcoming school year and board members were to e-mail to Srini any they wished to participate in.

Board Workshops

The Madera County School Board's Association Meeting on August 31st was discussed and which board members might be attending.

INFORMATION

Report 2004/2005 Inter/Intra District Transfers

This was an information item only.

Report Summer School

After a brief update on Summer School there was discussion on adding electives and enrichments to next year's curriculum opportunity for summer school. It was the

consensus to be agendaized for further discussion and consideration at the August board meeting.

Update Budget/ Developer Fee Funds

Srini Vasan presented a report on the Developer Fee allocations for the 2004/2005 school year. He continued by noting that he was attending the final State Budget workshop tomorrow and that the District has a strong budget.

Update on Unification

There was a lengthy discussion on the results and effects of the resolution from the State Board of Education on Unification and that consideration to consolidate would be on the special November election designated as Measure P.

BREAK

A break was declared at 9:30 p.m.

RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

Master Calendar

This was an information item only.

Update Construction Projects

This was an information item only.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS/ STUDENT DISCIPLINE/LITIGATION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:38 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Ratify Summer School Teachers in Charge

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by John Reynolds to ratify Tracey Hurd and Katy Penton as teachers in charge of summer school replacing Stuart Pincus. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Ratify Special Ed Position

A motion was made in closed session by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to ratify Angela Moons as the 5-8 SDC Teacher replacing Vernon Johnson. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Conference with District Negotiator –
Classified/Certificated/Management

No action taken.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 9:40 p.m.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 17, 2005 at Coarsegold Elementary – 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christine Wilder and seconded by Kathy Casey to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The voice vote for approval was unanimous.

Secretary/Clerk